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Tiszalök (R49/K56)

- The Thezalök Schloss, which housed trainees of the Mungarian 28 Mountain Infantry and Armored Engineer Division during the war, revert d to the nation in 1945 and was held by a state administrator until early June 1949. At that time it was taken over by the Soviet 47 Engineer Training Battalion.
- b. Led by Colonel Alexander Dumbanov (48-50 years old), the troops of this unit are all Mongolians, recent draftees aged 18-24, who are learning to speak, read, and write the Russian language. Both EM and NCO's are restricted to camp, Officers on pass generally visit Debrecen (R48/
- This unit drills almost daily, suphasis being placed on prefabricated bridge construction. Three companies lay a bridge across the Tissa in approximately 45 minutes. Other equipment includes several heavy trucks, about 50 horses brought from the USSR, and an unspecified number of heavy tanks, each mounting two guns, used for training purposes.

2. Zemplénagard (N49/189)

- a. Since May 1948, the Soviet 305 Military Engineers Training School has been located in Zemplénagard, a village on the Tisza and close to the Czech and Soviet borders, It has 8,000-9,000 inhabitants, including 500 gypsies.
- The school's permanent party consists of about 80 officers, led by Colonel Chatowich, whose wife is a uniformed major attached to an MVD unit in Satoraljaujhely (R49/E50). Chatovich is about 49 years old, 180 cm tall, stout, black-haired, and has a crooked nose, he has three sons, aged 6, 9, and 15. The staff includes four captains, three of whom have their dependents with them.
- c. Each course runs for mine months. Students at the present, second course are 600-800 Mongolians who armived first in Ukhorod (R48/A02) and were transferred to Zemplénagard at the beginning of 1949.

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d. Equipment includes rifles, light and heavy MGs, about thirty trucks (half of U.S. origin), and four tanks of assorted types used for training. Among other duties, the trucks have supplies to the school from Cop (R49/E9O), Straz pri Cop (unlocated), and Satoraljaujhely.

e. The school also has 150-200 high speed assault boats. Each holds and man and has a swivel-mounted heavy MG in the bow, plus armor plating designed to protect the occupants. These vessels are also used by another engineer unit stationed in Mandok (R49/K93), on the other bank of the Tisza. ______ these boats appear to be new types; in any case, he never saw anything like them during wartime battles on the Don.

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